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Mary Clement was born in Nashville, Tennessee and attended public schools in Davidson County, where she graduated from Glencliff High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Mary was appointed Director of Consumer Affairs in February 2003. The Division works to enforce the State Consumer Protection Act and assist consumers and business owners who are victims of unfair business practices. The Division also registers health clubs, beauty pageants and credit repair agencies to ensure they are properly licensed and bonded. The Contractor/Homeowner Accountability and Mediation Program within the Division mediates complaints between homeowners and contractors.

Mary's work experience includes nine years service with state government in five other agencies before joining Consumer Affairs. She also served in a congressional office where she managed constituent services for several counties in West Tennessee. For ten years, she was the owner of her own small business, The Pear and Partridge Shop, a Nashville gourmet and gift basket business.

Over the years, Mary has been involved with various non-profit organizations. She serves on the Advisory Board for Congressional Families for Breast Cancer Awareness, Congressional Families Cancer Prevention program of the Prevent Cancer Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Vanderbilt, the Dyer Observatory, the Nashville Children's Theatre and The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson. When her husband served in Congress, Mary served as President of the Congressional Club, comprised of spouses of the House and Senate.

Hobbies have always been a part of Mary's life. She enjoys tennis, photography, walking, bicycling, reading, and keeping journals. She recently authored a book, Around the Kitchen Table (Lessons Learned and Lives Shaped), emphasizing the importance of family communication.